

WEEKLY REPORT
Region 9
Environmental Protection Agency
Week of December 16, 2016
Superfund Division

Highlight of Past Week

Selma Pressure Treating Company (Selma, CA): EPA is in the process of installing reverse osmosis systems for two residential wells with hexavalent chromium concentrations above the State of California Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL). Emergency response subcontractors have built the infrastructure and this week they plan to install and turn on the reverse osmosis systems. DTSC will continue bottled water delivery to residents until EPA has verified that hexavalent chromium concentrations are below the State of California MCL. (Contact: Grace Ma, x-74212 or Chris Reiner, x2-3414)

Cooper Drum, Southern Avenue Industrial Area, Jervis Webb Sites (South Gate, CA): On December 14, Community Involvement Coordinator Romie Duarte attended the December meeting of South Gate's Community Environmental Health Assessment Team (CEHAT). The CEHAT is a group of South Gate community members that was formed under the Protocol for Assessing Community Excellence in Environmental Health program. The December 14 meeting included training about outdoor air quality given by agency representatives from EPA and the California Department of Public Health. During this presentation, Romie Duarte collaborated with Eric Canteenwala from Children's Health to present to the CEHAT about EPA's School Flags program. (Contact: Heather Parker, x2-3112 or Romie Duarte, x4-1801)

Triple Site Offsite OU (Sunnyvale, CA): The winter heating season round of sampling continues this week in the residential Duane/San Miguel Avenue neighborhood. This past week EPA also oversaw the installation of one additional residential mitigation system on San Miguel Avenue. While some optimization activities remain (upgrading fans, completing pathway sealing, etc.) as well as other related items (completing inspections with City inspectors, finalization of O&M plans and Occupant Information Sheets, recording plans with property deeds, etc.), this nearly completes the residential urgent response actions that EPA identified as warranted based on the sampling conducted to date - addressing actual or potential unacceptable VI above EPA's short-term screening level for TCE. Ten residential mitigation systems have been installed to date, with one remaining on San Miguel Avenue. The mitigation plan for this last residence was recently submitted to EPA by the RP and is undergoing review. (Contact: Melanie Morash, x2-3050 or Alejandro Diaz, x2-3242)

Edwards Dispute: On December 5, RPM Kevin Mayer submitted EPA's requested revisions for the Draft Final Arroyos ROD to the signatories of the FFA: Air Force, DTSC and Regional Water Quality Control Board. The changes in Technical Impracticability-related language resolve one point of the Arroyos dispute. **Enforcement (7) (A)**

Deliberative Process (b) (5)

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California Rulemaking on Toxicity Risk Evaluation: On December 12, California DTSC held a public workshop to introduce their proposed rulemaking to codify their current practice to use the more protective of federal and California peer-reviewed toxicological assessments. The workshop lasted two hours and approximately 30 people were in attendance, plus an unknown number on the webcast. Many questions and comments were offered, including clarification of the scope and applicability of the regulation beyond CERCLA projects. DTSC was requested to accept written comments for the next two months. The next step will be for DTSC to consider input before proceeding to the formal process of publication and public comment. DTSC does not plan to have a formal response to comments from this informal workshop. (Contact: Kevin Mayer, x2-3176)

Fruitland Magnesium Fire Site, Maywood, CA: OSC Musante is overseeing completion and hand-off of the Site this week. All hazardous wastes have been removed from the industrial site. Some bore samples from the concrete pad contained polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) concentrations above 50ppm (TSCA levels). Impacted areas of concrete will therefore be sealed with epoxy to prevent migration of contamination through concrete spalling and cracking. Dan Meer and Jason Musante are meeting with the California Department of Toxic Substances Control, LA County Fire - Health Hazardous Materials Unit, LA County Department of Public Health and the City of Maywood on Thursday to discuss future site management and appropriate post removal site controls. (Contact: Jason Musante, 213-479-2120)

Spirit of Sacramento Derelict Vessel Removal: OSC Reiner is working with the Coast Guard to remove the vessel from the boat slip at the Army Corps property in Sausalito. Once the vessel is raised, EPA will remove all hazardous waste and Contra County contractors will complete demolition and disposal of scrap metal. (Contact: Chris Reiner, 415-971-6911)

Navajo Abandoned Uranium Mines, Cove Chapter Well Signs: Enforcement (7) (A)

Deliberative Process (b) (5)

(Contact: Christopher Weden, 415-971-6962)

Exide Technologies Community Advisory Meeting: On December 15, Dan Meer will attend the Exide Community Advisory meeting in Los Angeles. This meeting will be lead by the California Department of Toxic Substances Control, the lead agency for the cleanup. (Contact: Dan Meer, x2-3132)

Significant Items for Next Week

Enforcement (7) (A)

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(Contact: Cyntia Steiner, x7-4112)

Press Stories, Significant Policy, Regulatory, or Legal Actions (2-3 weeks out)

Grant Announcements

Cove Watershed Assessment Project, Navajo Nation: Next week we will award Dine College \$380,000 to support the agency's Cove Watershed Assessment project. Dine College will work with EPA scientists to determine the impact of abandoned uranium mines on the Cove area's waters. Dine College students and professors will use the funds to help investigate and assess the extent of radiological contamination the mines pose to the Cove Wash Watershed, which covers 47 square miles of tributaries. Dine College is a higher education institution of the Navajo Nation and enrolls approximately 1,800 Native American students per semester. Located on the Navajo Indian Reservation, Dine College is the oldest and largest of the 37 tribal colleges and universities. (Contact: Andrea Manion, x7-4184)

Legislative Engagement

Travel, Training, Public/National Meetings, and Speaking Engagements

30-60 Day Outlook

Other Information

Site Visit with Walker River Tribe to Discuss Brownfields Issues: José García conducted a site visit with the Walker River Tribes to assess the possible support the Brownfields Program can provide for the various brownfields on the reservation. Jose was given a tour of potential brownfield sites in the community and spoke briefly with the newly elected Chairwoman. The tribe is interested in applying for a 128a grant and possibly community-wide assessment grant. (Contact: Jose Garcia x4-1811)

Division Director Schedule:

Internal Personnel (b) (2)

Internal to Region 9

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